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SUBJ: SOUTHERN AFRICA: TIMES OF ZAMBIA LOOKS AT SECRETARY KISSINGER S  
INITIATIVES

SUMMARY: GTVERNMENT OWNED TIMES OF ZAMBIA OF SEPT. 1. SEES  
SECOND VORSTER/KISSINGER MEETING AS SIGN OF HOW SERIOUSLY US SEES  
ESCALATION OF EVENTS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA DURING LAST TWO MONTHS.  
IF SECRETARY KISSINGER FAILS IN HIS SECOND MEETING WITH VORSTER,  
ANY THIRD MEETING MAY WELL BE A COUNCIL FOR WAR. THIS SECOND MEETING  
WITH VORSTER IS A REPRIEVE FOR SOUTH AFRICA BY THE US. US  
CANNOT RESOLVE SOUTHERN AFRICAN PROBLEM ALONE BUT MUST HAVE SUPPORT  
OF WESTERN EUROPEAN NATIONS, AND THERE IS NO OVERWHELMING EVIDENCE  
THAT EUROPEAN NATIONS ARE HONESTLY COMMITTED TO GIVE THIS SUPPORT.  
IN HIS BID TO NEGOTIATE, A PROCESS FROM WHICH EVERY  
RESPECTABLE AFRICAN LEADER HAS PULLED OUT, KISSINGER WILL NEED  
THIS SUPPORT. END SUMMARY.

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF TIMES OF ZAMBIA EDITORIAL:

QUOTE: JUST AS ONE SWALLOW DOES NOT MAKE A SUMMER SO TWO MEETINGS  
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OF HENRY KISSINGER AND JOHN VORSTER MAY NOT NECESSARILY SOLVE THE

RACIAL CRISIS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA.

BUT THE FACT THAT IN BARELY TWO MONTHS TWO SUCH MEETINGS SHOULD  
TAKE PLACE IS A SIGN OF THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE ESCALATION,  
AT LEAST IN THE EYES OF THE US ADMINISTRATION.

THE IMPORTANCE OF THE ZURICH MEETING NEXT SATURDAY IS THAT IT  
IS TAKING PLACE WHEN THE SOUTHERN AFRICAN CRISIS HAS WORSENER BY MANY  
DEGREES FROM WHAT IT WAS AT THE FIRST MEETING LAST JUNE.

SINCE THEN RHODESIA HAS BOILED OVER SCALDING TO DEATH ALREADY  
WELL OVER 1,500 LIVES INSIDE RHODESIA AND IN THE NEIGHBOURING  
TERRITORIES.

NAMIBIA, WHERE VORSTER HIMSELF WAS THE MID-WIFE, HAS HAD THE  
IMISFORTUNE OF BRINGING FORTH A CRIPPLED STILLBORN.

THE LINE OF VIOLENT CHANGE IN SOUTH AFRICA ITSELF HAS SURFACED  
GRAPHICALLY, SHOWING REVOLUTION WILL HIT APARTHEID WHERE  
IT HURTS MOST -- INDUSTRIAL AND POPULAR UPRISING BY BLACKS.

FRONTLINE STATES SPATTERED WITH THE BLOOD OF THEIR LACERATED  
NATIONALS ARE BURSTING AT THE SEAMS WITH ANGER WHILE THE OAU IS  
CHECKING OVER ITS DEFENCES AND THE NON-AFRICAN ALLIES ARE ON  
THE ALERT FOR ANY CALL.

IF KISSINGER FAILS TO MAKE THE IMPRESSION ON VORSTER  
ESPECIALLY ON NAMIBIA, THEIR THIRD MEETING MAY WELL BE A COUNCIL FOR  
WAR, ASSUMING THE TWO WILL STILL BE ONE SIDE AND TALKING TOGETHER.  
IF THE US IS GENUINE, A POINT HAS TO BE REACHED WHERE SHE HAS TO WASH  
HER HANDS AND DISDNGAGE FROM AN INTRANSIGENT LOST MINORITY.

FROM THE AFRICAN POINT OF VIEW, THE TIMING OF THE FORTHCOMING  
MEETING IS A REPRIEVE OF SOUTH AFRICA BY THE US AFTER SHE HAS  
FAILED TO OWN UP TO THE UN ON NAMIBIA. A ZURICH DEBACLE WILL  
PULL THE CARPET FROM UNDER THE FEET OF THE US.

THE US IS THE UNCHALLENGED LEADER OF THE WESTERN CAMP BUT SHE  
CANNOT UNTIE THE THREE TANGLED KNOTS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA WITHOUT  
THE HONEST SUPPORT OF THE EUROPEAN BUTTRESSES OF THE WHITE MINORITIES  
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APART FROM WORDS WHICH PROBABLY MEAN THE OPPOSITE, THERE IS NO  
OVERSHELMING EVIDENCE OF HONEST COMMITMENT FROM MANY OF THESE  
COUNTRIES AND THE US MAY WELL NOT BE CARRYING THEM ALONG WITH HER.  
SOME ARE POISED TO EXPLOIT BOTH THE CRISIS AND THE US.

IN HIS BID TO NEGOTIATE (A PROCESS FROM WHICH EVERY

RESPECTABLE AFRICAN LEADER HAS PULLED OUT) KISSINGBR WILL HAVE  
TO TURN TO EURCPE AND APPLY TO THE MAXIMUM WHATEVER PRESSURE  
HE CAN COMMAND.L

TO ARREST THE DETERIORATING CONFORNTATION HE WILL ALSO NEED  
AN INTENSIFICATION OF HIS PEACEFUL EFFORT ON THE SCALE OF THE  
DRIVE IN THE MIDDLE EAST. END QUOTE  
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